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'Senior Class Challenge' challenging for seniors

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Before putting on the cap and gown, walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas, seniors have one more task called "Senior Class Challenge."

For the challenge, students are encouraged to pledge money to either Wartburg's annual fund or to a department of their choice.

Kendra Merfeld, director of the annual fund, said students need to reflect back on what Wartburg has given them.

"Wartburg students are students now but alumni forever," Merfeld said.

Lauren Hummel, co-president in leading the challenge, said it is a struggle for students to give back when they have to pay for loans.

"No matter how little [the donation] is, it will continue to support Wartburg," Hummel said. "It's like giving up two lattes or beers during the week...it's just ten dollars."

Kori Kleinschmidt said she doesn't have the kind of money to give back to Wartburg.

"I'll be more than happy to

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Minor offense could cause major problem

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

Wartburg students are not aware of the consequences of the offenses that may be considered minor, Karen Thalacker, senior lecturer in business law, said.

Thalacker has addressed Wartburg faculty, students and Student Senate this year about the dangers of minor violations of the law in her speech "No Offense is Minor."

"People view college as a safe place to engage in unsafe behavior, and that's wrong," Thalacker said.

Thalacker, who serves part-time as a Bremer County magistrate, said offenses such as underage drinking or public intoxication could have

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Vagina Monologues

DANIELLE KRAMER NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty and community members packed McCaskey Lyceum Friday and Saturday night for Wartburg's fourth annual production of "The Vagina Monologues."

Through moments of comedy, sadness and awkward conversations, the cast of female students and staff took the stage to produce the real-life monologues of women all over the world.

The production is on stage every February as part of Wartburg's V-Week celebration.

"It's a really good way to promote equality between the sexes, especially on a college campus where...a lot more men have leadership positions than women, which is kind of disappointing," Becky Fishbune, V-Week coordinator, said.

"The main focus of our events is to promote education and understanding of violence against women – things that people really don't like to talk about because they are such sensitive subjects."

The show, written by Eve Ensler, is comprised of a series of monologues revolving around one common theme: the vagina.

Ensler wrote the play after interviewing more than 200 women about their opinions on sex, relationships and violence against women, according to the national V-Day website.

First performed on Broadway in 1996, "The Vagina Monologues" is now performed at thousands of venues each year in association with V-Day, another organization partly founded by Ensler in 1998.

The "V" in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina, according to the V-Day site.

The V-Day campaign was created to fundraise for local women's shelters and groups working to end violence against women.

"It's really empowering to have all the women together doing this," performer Maddie Paxton said.

Paxton said performing scenes that involved moaning and awkward conversations was comical and was just part of becoming comfortable with women's sexuality.

"I've seen the show so many times that it doesn't bother me anymore, which I think is the point. It's supposed to get women to really think about it," she said.

Paxton also said she was surprised at the turnout of males in the audience.

"I think girls secretly want to talk about sex more than you think they do," Chris Gustas said. "Girls are much more ashamed of their sexuality than they need to be."

Gustas said, as a man, he wasn't sure what to expect from the show but appreciated the show's respect for men.

"They did a great job not vilifying males," he said. "It seems like in order to promote female power, women have to attack guys, and they didn't do that."

Other events throughout V-Week included a panel discussion on women in the community and Eucharist.

Fishbune said "The Vagina Monologues" draws the largest crowd for the week and the participation numbers continued to grow.

"I think it's a very good thing for people to come and see this, just because it is very eye-opening to see what different women of all ages, all over the world, go through," Aaron Benson said.

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Regents chair says school costs will be under \$40,000



ELLEN KURT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Board of Regents Chair Ray McCaskey said he is cautiously optimistic that the board can come up with a way to balance the budget that meets everyone's needs while keeping tuition affordable for students.

He said during the Board of Regents meeting this past week this year's tuition and budget increase will be similar to the increases of past years.

"I guess I would say there aren't going to be any surprises,"

McCaskey said.

Tuition this year was \$36,995. McCaskey said the coming year's tuition will not exceed \$40,000. If the Board would approve a 5.5 percent increase like they did last year, next year's tuition would be \$39,030.

The Board is looking at the raise being applied more on the tuition side of the student's bill than to their room and board, he said.

Everyone, no matter if he or she

lives on campus or commutes, has to pay tuition, McCaskey said.

The combination of cost of tuition, room and board rose 5.5 percent for the 2010-11 school year.

The increase for the 2009-10 school year was 4.9 percent and 2008-09 was 6.8 percent.

When setting tuition, the board focuses on other schools in the Midwest as well as other church schools, he said.

"Wartburg, over the last few

years, has been consistently in the middle. We're not the cheapest, but we're far from the most expensive, especially when you put the aid package in," McCaskey said.

President Darrel Colson said an increase is needed to keep the students and the school moving forward.

"We'd like to be able to serve students better by enhancing both academic programs and academic support in all of its forms, so we'd like to do more than just meet long-term obligations that have already been made," Colson said.

He said these long-term financial

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–Ray McCaskey

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donate when I get a job and I'm on my own but I can't financially afford anything right now," Kleinschmidt said.

Chondraah Holmes said she can see both sides of the situation.

"I think the fact that the students can designate their funding gives more of a direct focus," Holmes said.

"People don't have to worry about where their money is going."

She said the disadvantage is that seniors are trying to figure out post graduation plans and how to pay off loans.

"Senior Class Challenge" began in 1992 when seniors Brent Matthias and Bill Petsche approached the director of the annual fund to see how they could give back.

The campaign will continue until the third week in March.

Last year, \$514 were raised

from the 2010 graduates, not counting those who donated anonymously.

Through the 2010-11 fiscal year, the "Giving at Home Challenge" will match any new or increased gift in the annual fund given from the senior class, alums and community

members.

"No matter how little [the donation] is, it will continue to support Wartburg. It's like giving up two lattes or beers during the week...it's just ten dollars."

-Lauren Hummel

Students who donate will be entered to win a Wartburg license plate or \$25 gift card to the Wartburg bookstore for those who live out of state.

Hummel said no matter how little, the gift giving to Wartburg is still important.

"We just want to get across that their support will keep Wartburg thriving," Hummel said.

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Run-ins with the law could have major impact on students' future career

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permanent effects on students' chances to find a job.

Thalacker spoke to Student Senate this month, giving them a more condensed version of the speech delivered to the entire student body last fall.

She said offenses as minor as multiple speeding tickets could affect a student's job search.

"I've had people come to court several years after they've plead guilty and ask 'Is there anything you can do to get this off my record, I can't get the job I want,'" Thalacker said.

Thalacker spoke to the faculty in January about the same issue.

Ferol Menzel, dean of the faculty, said Thalacker's message surprised members of Wartburg's faculty.

"If [the faculty] have good information about what

happens to students when they get into trouble with the police, they can help students understand the importance of their behavior," Menzel said.

Menzel said she viewed Thalacker's message as important because the knowledge could serve to prevent future problems for students.

John Myers, director of campus security and safety, said he believed Wartburg had no further instances of minor offenses than other schools across Iowa.

Myers said Wartburg's definition of a minor offense includes the elements that Thalacker pinpoints, as well as violations of student code.

Thalacker said she wants students to be aware that the risky choices they make in order to have a good time can have a lasting impact on their future.

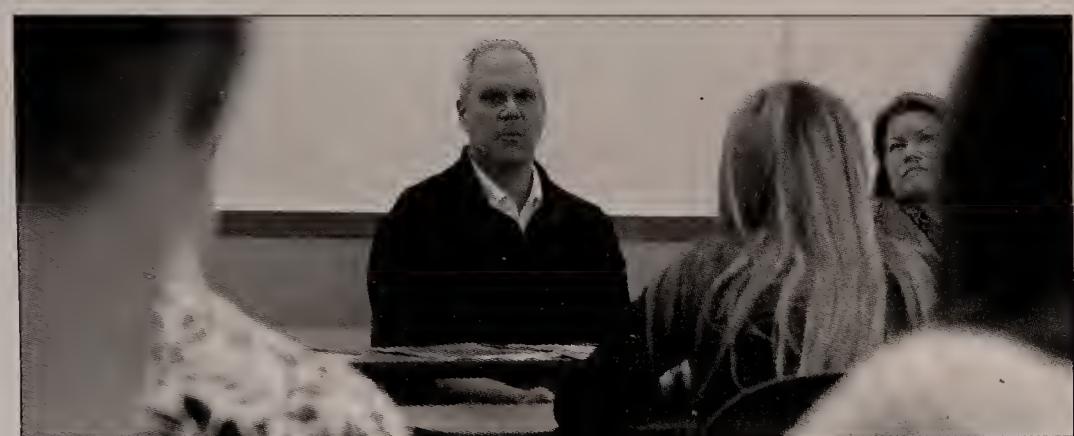
"My goal is not to scare," Thalacker said.

"My goal is to inform and encourage."

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Karen Thalacker



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Board of Regents member Jack Salzwedel answers students' questions in Leadership Certificate Seminar.

Regents have opportunity to interact with students

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that students have to pay should be the same."

He also said the Board does not plan on faculty salaries being frozen this coming academic year. If the salaries were frozen, it would be the third time in four years.

During this past Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Board spent on campus, they met with students, attended classes and had the chance to meet with some of the student groups.

"It's good to be on campus and interact with people to see what's

happening and how things are going," McCaskey said.

The e-mail from the president's office about tuition will be sent out soon announcing the exact tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year.

"I think it becomes expected that we are not going to get by without increasing [tuition]...[but] Wartburg is positioned very competitively," McCaskey said.

Check out the Circuit for updates on the release of the amount of tuition.

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Wartburg looks at past milestones during Black History Month

GRETTA STARK STAFF WRITER

This March, Wartburg will celebrate Black History Month and the rich African-American history that has taken place on campus.

The first African American students were admitted to Wartburg in 1952.

The number continued to grow over the years, especially when John Bachman became president of Wartburg in 1964, History Professor Rebecca Blair said.

She said Bachman made it his mission to increase the number of African-American students at Wartburg.

Most of the Wartburg student body was German Lutheran, so it was difficult for African-Americans to fit in, Blair said.

The problem the students faced wasn't just as simple as not fitting

in, she said.

In 1969, African-American students faced a different challenge when a cross was burned on campus.

According to Ronald Matthias' book, "Still Moving," African-American students received anonymous phone calls telling them the cross was for them.

A big turning point for Wartburg was in 1971 when Ruth Owens was elected the first African American Homecoming Queen at the college.

Blair said Owens's election to Homecoming Queen made a big statement for its time, because it showed that the entire Wartburg student body accepted her.

"Her peers may not have looked at Ruth Owens as just an African American woman, but also as the best person to elect as homecoming

queen," Blair said.

Blair pointed out that Abhay Nadipuram was elected as the first Hindu homecoming king, and the first Hindu student body president at Wartburg. Nadipuram was student body president during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Last year, Blair taught the first African American History and Culture course offered at Wartburg.

"We can only ensure that our particular form of democracy stays strong and vibrant if we pursue education that helps us understand our past, deeply interpret our present and make wise choices for our future in ways that include the participation of and respect for all people," said Blair.

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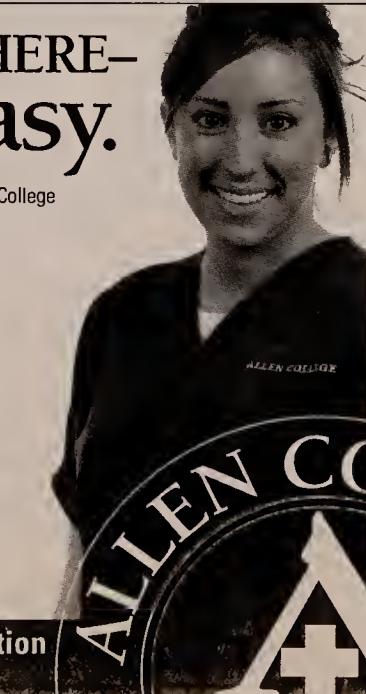
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WORD FROM THE WISE:
Campus crimes
are preventable

JOHN MYERS DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

We are fortunate that Wartburg College is a safe place to live, study

and work. Violent crimes are rare. The few involve persons that know each other and physical injuries have been minimal.

Many feel so safe they fail to take appropriate measures to protect themselves and their property. We are not experiencing unprovoked attacks or crimes by determined criminals. As a result, property is left unprotected, allowing thefts often characterized as "crimes of opportunity."

Reported thefts have more than doubled over the past six years. Campus Security initiated 85 theft reports in 2010, but there were only 38 in 2005. Very few cases are solved with the perpetrators identified. With no witnesses, and little or no physical evidence, many of these thefts go unsolved.

"Crimes of opportunity" can be prevented. The key is to take responsibility for your property.

Lock your room when no one is there or you are sleeping. Thefts have occurred when a student left their room unlocked momentarily to go to the rest room.

If you have an aftermarket vehicle CD or stereo system, remove the faceplate completely when you leave. Never leave keys in your vehicle, and never leave it running while unattended. Vehicles have been stolen from campus because keys were left inside.

Campus Security and residence hall staff can only do so much. Most of the burden rests on you.

Finally, we believe many of our thefts are carried out by other students. Some know who is responsible but don't want to get involved. The college subscribes to MySafeCampus, where one can provide useful information to solve a crime or recover stolen property in an anonymous manner. We must work together to stop theft.

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Choice Words

Dear cleaning lady in "The W." I saw you cleaning those windows looking into Levick carefully as the football players sprinted shirtless.

—Don't worry, I was watching too

I understand the benefits of dorm storming, but the frequency is unnecessary.

—All out of change

Dear Wartburg Dining Services, Minimum work for minimum wage.

—You get what you pay for

TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

New Leaders: Keep your passion

Student body elections have come and gone. This election was more intense than previous ones have been, providing the first actual competition this school has seen in a while.

Both sets of candidates had strong views and opinions, and both sides felt they were best suited for the job.

Now our president and vice president have been elected, and we congratulate Rex Davidson and Jon Householder.

However, both of them must remember that the election is not the most important part of the process.

The next year will provide challenges they may have never faced before. It is important to remember campaign promises and statements when next year rolls around and it's time to put them into action.

Student body officials are im-

portant people. They make decisions that represent all of us.

This is why it's crucial that the two stay in touch with what the student body actually wants.

To get wrapped up in your own life is easy, but as officials they need to make sure they set aside time to stay connected with those who they represent.

School and friends will probably be more appealing than planning for a senate meeting, but the focus should now be on the student body.

We are not expressing doubt, but merely providing a reminder. It is easy to think, "Well elections are over," and grow complacent.

It is important to keep that passion alive during the off time until the next school year, so next year they will be as fired-up about it as they were during elections.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Change your life

BRITNEY BORCHARDT
GUEST COLUMNIST

This week, students will embark on an adventure that will change their lives and leave a lasting impression. This adventure is a service trip.

Some people may think this service is overlooked shortly after the trip ends. That is not the case.

I have come to realize that on service trips, we are there to lend a hand. These people are similar to us, and anybody could be in their situation. Service is not about making us look like a hero when it's convenient, it's about taking time out of our lives to work with people to make an impact.

Ten service trips will be traveling across the United States to work with a variety of different social issues. This will be an opportunity unlike anything you are able to experience in the classroom. The

social issue becomes more real when you experience it firsthand.

When you sign up for a service trip, you are placed with other Wartburg students. You leave for the trip as acquaintances and return as friends. You develop a bond that no one outside the group is able to share.

Through service trips, I have been able to discover a passion for helping others and being able to interact with people with many different backgrounds. This has led me to look into pursuing different volunteer opportunities after college.

Service trips have changed my life. After spending the last four years as both a participant and a leader of service trips, I have realized it will continue to be a part of my life after graduation.

To all of you who are considering a service trip, just do it! Wartburg has an exceptional service trip program. It will be an experience that you will not regret.

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College housing options provide different benefits

Point-Counter Point

ABBY BAKER OP/ED EDITOR

On-campus housing is great for underclassmen who need the sense of community to make the adjustment from home to living in a dorm away from what they know.

However, for upperclassmen, off-campus provides great benefits.

The largest benefit is monetary. Room and board end off-campus up costing nearly \$8,000 a year. That is a pretty big price tag, especially for students paying their own bill. That money makes it much easier to take on the student bill without taking out private loans.

The nice thing about Wartburg's size is that even if you live off-cam-

pus, it is still easy to be involved. Student groups are a great way to meet people your freshman year, and that option is still there even if you live off-campus.

Off-campus housing prepares us for the world we're about to enter after graduation. By living off campus, we can adjust to that change of having rent and bills while still in the safety net of being a college student. It provides a transition period when we aren't making a giant life adjustment.

These important factors all make off-campus an excellent option overall. I understand the need to fill dorms, but it seems we always hear about overcrowded freshman dorms and upperclassmen unable to get into the dorm of their choice. By using this option more, Wartburg could solve some negative feelings that many have toward housing.

WES BROOKS RES LIFE DIRECTOR

When I reflect on my college days, watch students in my current job, or just look through my Facebook friends, it is evident that Res. Life changes lives.

The majority of students who come to Wartburg will make friends during their first year who they will probably live with.

There is more to a community and developing relationships than just making friends. Living in a diverse community, mentoring a younger student, learning how to play the guitar from the guy down the hall, late night study sessions in your pajamas or becoming an RA are all components to developing

relationships.

Nearly all of these things are impossible to do when you live off-campus, and they are all things that might change your life. You might not see it until you look back. Those things are critical to positive reflections of your college years and growth as a person.

It saddens me when students express desire to live off-campus. The value Wartburg places on the on-campus experience is legitimate.

Our Mission talks about challenging and nurturing Residential Life does both. It could mean leading in Hall Council, serving by participating in a dorm suite project or floor project and other residential opportunities. Make lasting memories in the halls. I know four years of residential life will help shape everyone's college experience.

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NEWS

Menzel to retire at the end of the year



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Ferol Menzel, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty, is retiring at the end of this year. Menzel said she and her husband will move to Colorado.

DANIELLE KRAMER NEWS EDITOR

Ferol Menzel has never strayed far from her calling. For more than two decades, she has been living her dream through higher education. But Wartburg's vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty will retire after this school year.

"In many respects it's been my dream job," Menzel said. "I love having the opportunity to work with faculty and to work with the academic program and to see the successes of our students."

Menzel started her career in higher education at Grandview University in Des Moines as an associate professor of psychology, working her way up through tenure to become a full professor, where she worked for 19 years.

She later became involved in academic administration, obtaining positions as an assistant to the president for institutional research and planning, interim vice president for finance and the vice president for student life and enrollment management.

"My first love was really academics," Menzel said. "So when the position opened at Wartburg, I took [it]."

She said looking back on her career at Wartburg, she's happy with many of the things that have been accomplished, including the growth of experiential learning, the recruitment and retention of faculty and the founding of the Center for Community Engagement.

Even with all Menzel's accomplishments, she said it's now time for her to leave.

"We've got a new president and he's gotten his feet on the ground, so this is a great time to transition," Menzel said.

After her final day on June 30, she and her husband will move to their new home in Colorado where they can be closer to their two sons.

"We've always loved the mountains," she said. "We've always been summer campers in the

Over her 12 years at Wartburg, Ferol Menzel:

- Conducted 99 searches for faculty
- Held approx. 300 interviews
- Is the 2nd longest-serving
G. Neumann was the longest, serving 18 years (1931-1948)
- Averaged 47 classroom evaluations each year
- Hired 51 out of the 108 full-time faculty (47%)
- Wrote 47 faculty evaluation letters each year

mountains and we ski and hike and bike. So, I'm looking forward to moving out to Colorado and having a little flexibility in my schedule so I can do some of those fun things."

Although she said her higher education days are over, she would still like to do some volunteer work in an elementary setting.

"And then there's the usual stuff I'd like to do, like photography and cooking classes," Menzel said. "Most especially I want to spend time with our sons and do some international travel."

President Darrel Colson said Dr. Fred Ribich, director of institutional research and assessment, will become the interim vice president of academic affairs until the position can be filled. He said the college will conduct candidate searches over the next year to find a replacement.

"There are a lot of hard decisions that have to be made in Ferol's position," Ribich said. "She certainly deserves a retirement that is relaxing and exciting."

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More freshmen seek counseling for stress, pressure

LIZ BANDSTRA STAFF WRITER

Wartburg's freshman class experienced a significant increase in those seeking counseling for emotional health from last year.

During Fall Term of 2009, 59 first year Wartburg students contacted Pathways Counseling Services. During Fall Term of 2010, the number increased almost 30 percent.

The increase parallels a national study called "The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2010".

Nationally, college freshmen

in fall of 2010 experienced the steepest one-year drop in emotional health in 45 years.

"Mental health has slowly been declining every year," Stephanie Newsom, director of Pathways Counseling Services, said.

"When I first started thirteen years ago, not as many students had the same level of issues that students seek help for now."

An article by Inside Higher Ed attributed some of the study's findings to the impact of the recession and students' expectations of their college

education.

Students included in the study reported higher use of loans and financial aid and expressed feelings of limitations on where they could attend college.

"Finances definitely contribute to my anxiety," a Wartburg student who receives counseling said.

"I work 20-30 hours a week, but at the end of the day, no matter how much I work, the money I make doesn't contribute to my grades."

According to the study approximately 53 percent of incoming freshmen took out student loans, and 73 percent received grants and scholarships to attend college, which is the highest figure in 10 years.

"I hear a lot of students feeling guilty about being here, because their parents can't afford it," Newsom said.

"There is a lot more pressure to work and a lot of pressure to

do well while they're here."

Pathways had interaction with 244 more students during Fall Term 2010, than the previous year, Newsom said.

Newsom said that the severity of students' issues have increased as well.

"We used to see a lot of roommate issues when I first started," Newsom said.

"Now we're seeing kids with depression who need to be on daily medication."

Though the study found a steep drop in emotional health, according to Inside Higher Ed, students from most college campuses across the country have been able to put the social stigma of mental illness aside.

"Fifteen years ago, kids with mental illnesses wouldn't even be able to attend college," Newsom said. "Pressures are just very different now, and kids don't know how to cope."

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET
President-elect Rex Davidson and Vice President-elect Jon Housholder share the good news with friends and family.

Students elect new leadership

Last Tuesday students elected Rex Davidson and Jon Housholder as the student body president and vice president for the 2011-12 academic year.

Davidson and Housholder defeated Derek Nash and Hollis Hanson-Pollock by grabbing nearly 63 percent of the votes.

David Nelson, running unopposed, was elected as treasurer.

There will a run-off election for recorder between Alison Nicoll and Yvonne Ayesiga on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

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KNIGHTLIFE

Stringfever electrifies Wartburg community



Stringfever entertains the audience by playing "Ballero" on the electric cello at the same time. The group consists of three brothers and a cousin.

HANNAH COX KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

Shiny suits, chugging a few beers and four men playing on the same cello.

Stringfever is not the typical ensemble. Composed of three brothers and a cousin, the Broadbent family performed everything from classical to rock and roll on their custom made electric instruments.

The group took the stage last Thursday in Neumann Auditorium to 700 Wartburg students, faculty and Board of Regents members.

"One extra [string] is a little bit different, two extra, [strings] screws with your head a little bit," Ralph Broadbent said.

The instruments, a five string cello, two five string violins and a six string violin, are all wireless, allowing the Broadbents to play a wider range of music.

Ralph Broadbent said each member of the group contributes something different.

He said he arranges most of the music. His older brother Giles, is the driving force behind the group, his younger brother, Neal, beat boxes and his cousin, Graham, is the natural clown figure.

"We've always been a close

family anyway growing up, and to actually be able to work and hang out and travel together is the thing that makes it extra special," Ralph Broadbent said.

The act has been performing together for about seven years.

One of their featured songs, "The History of Music," is a five-minute piece where

anything from "Greensleeves" to Michael Jackson is performed.

The audience members clapped along as Stringfever played themes from well-known movies and challenged the audience to name all 20 played.

Kathy Olson attended the show and said she really enjoyed the blend of music they played and thought the wireless instruments were interesting.

"I look at it from a crowd perspective. There are so many Artist Series where I think students probably wouldn't enjoy it but I kind of get a sense that a lot of the kids are enjoying it," Olson

said.

Travis Zinnel said he thought the Artist Series did a good job of bringing something different to Wartburg and the performance was emotionally-filled.

The show was not completely serious though. The four some joked with each other and Ralph Broadbent

said he tried to get the audience to laugh so he knew they are still awake.

He said he hopes the show opens people's eyes to string playing being a little more versatile.

"Where we grew up in the UK, it's not very cool to be a string player," Ralph Broadbent said. "I think people get put off either classical music or string playing, I think just for people to experience something completely new."

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Changes to German May Term Trip

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One study abroad course this May Term is traveling to Eisenach, Germany, with a major difference: a half credit preparatory during class the Winter Term before the trip.

Dr. Joyce Boss, co-director of Global and Multicultural Studies, said the trip has been around years and has evolved with the requirements of students.

"The first change that was instituted a couple of years ago, was based on the feedback we received from returning students who said 'If we had known more German our experience would

have been more productive than it was,'" Boss said.

German 104 became the language prerequisite which Boss believes to still be minimal for students to go on this trip.

Pam Ohrt, professor of communication arts, who led the trip in May 2009, agreed with Boss that it is great idea for students to have more German, but she liked the trip better as a communication arts and business department exchange.

"My most important thing is, I don't really care who takes the students over," Ohrt said. "My thing is I'd really like it to be an

internship opportunity, not just a trip abroad."

Since the restructuring this year the trip is now a hybrid program offered through the English and Modern Language department, Boss said.

"The intent was always to have the Eisenach May Term open to all students," Boss said. "I hope that this will mean more students will look at this opportunity and take advantage of it."

So far only one student is registered.

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The Wartburg Castle located in Eisenach, Germany is a large part of the college's history. Students will now have to take a new German preparatory course before experiencing Germany.

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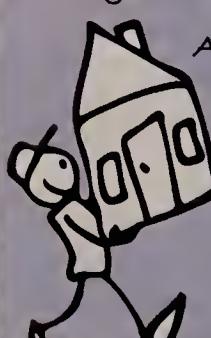
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KNIGHTLIFE

Choir to share indigenous jazz with Abu Dhabi

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Members of the Wartburg Castle singers will be sharing their talents with the people of Abu Dhabi and Dubai during the program "International Language of Jazz" over Winter Break.

Twenty-nine members of the group and three faculty members will be performing jazz blended with traits of other cultures.

"I think jazz is our American indigenous music," Dr. Jane Andrews, director of the Castle Singers, said. "When we can go and share that with other people, it's just contagious."

Andrews traveled to Abu Dhabi December 2009 and conducted a choir singing "The Messiah" for Christmas.

"It was an amazing experience," Andrews said. "People were weeping after the song."

Andrews said she was invited to conduct the choir by a woman she used to give voice lessons to as music director of a 3,000 member church in Kansas City. The same woman invited the Castle Singers to sing at the schools this approaching break.

Castle Singers president Cole Younger said the program includes French-inspired music, Swedish jazz, Brazilian sounds and a song with a Middle Eastern flavor. They will also be performing songs previously sung by Frank Sinatra and other American jazz.

The group is excited to go to Abu Dhabi and share their voices, Younger said. Even though there has recently been some unrest in the Middle East, he said there has been no hesitation or worry.

"I think we're very well-prepared, and it's a safe area," he said.

He also expressed excitement for experiencing the Middle Eastern culture.

"We get to experience that style of life and get to see it from the inside and how



The Castle Singers gather before one of their weekly rehearsals. Along with three faculty, 29 group members will be traveling to Abu Dhabi and Dubai for a jazz tour during Winter Break.

it works," Younger said.

Castle Singers tour manager Karla Tweeten said she was most excited to go into the schools and sing with the children.

"They've been working on the same songs, so we're going to sing them together," she said. "I'm really excited to see how singing styles differ, especially because jazz can be interpreted in so many different ways."

The Castle Singers are visiting the American Community School in Abu Dhabi and the American School in Dubai.

They will stay with host families in the two cities. Younger said this is another enlightening part of their trip and an aspect that sets Wartburg apart from other colleges.

"We get to experience their way of life," Younger said. "That's something that's very unique about Wartburg music ensembles and their tours abroad."

In the group's free time, they will be exploring the cultural attractions of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, the two largest cities in the United Arab Emirates. Andrews said the itinerary includes a desert safari,

a trip to Burj Khalifah (the tallest building in the world) and visiting the Sheikh Zayed Mosque.

The individuals going on the trip have been taking a class to teach them about the culture and the language. Andrews said the group will benefit from this unique musical interaction with a culture drastically different than our own.

"Music is an international language," Andrews said. "This experience will be life-changing."

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Post MTV documentary appearance, LaRue discusses albinism



Submitted Photo
Laura Twedt, Sydney LaRue and Silpa Tadavar finish up breakfast on their last day of an annual convention on albinism.

HANNAH COX KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

Every two years, people of all ages across the United States, including one Wartburg student, gather for a convention to talk about their commonality: albinism.

Sydney LaRue has attended the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation since she was two, and this year she had a cameo appearance on MTV's documentary series, "True Life: I have Albinism."

"Since we can't see, we didn't know there was a giant... cam-

era there," LaRue said. "Then they handed us the contracts and we were like 'what?'"

LaRue said she agreed to sign the contract. If she hadn't, her face would be blurred out.

The show followed two teens at the conference and LaRue and her friends were approached by one of the teens, Zane.

After a night out with her friends and Zane, LaRue said the experience seemed controlled and forced.

"Occasionally they would stop us and say 'hey why don't

you guys try and talk about this, and try and steer the conversation. That was weird for me," LaRue said.

When the cameras stopped rolling, LaRue said she did not really talk to Zane much but heard from someone he attends Waldorf.

At Wartburg, LaRue is a biology, pre-vet major with a minor in chemistry and Spanish.

"Albinism doesn't affect your intelligence. It really only affects your vision, apart from low pigmentation in the hair, skin and eyes," LaRue said.

David McCullough had Sydney in two of his classes and said her classmates and he have learned about albinism and how people deal with it in society.

"Most of the time, and it's not because I'm callous, I'm unaware of Sydney's phenotype, her albinism," McCullough said.

"I kind of look right through it unless there is something I

have to work with to accommodate her vision."

LaRue uses a monocular and a magnifying bubble to help her read because of her vision problems.

She also has larger printed versions of her text books.

She said it takes her longer to do her homework because

reading and light can put a strain on her eyes.

Lacey Schroeder met LaRue her freshman year.

Schroeder said she has just grown accustomed to turning down the lights or leaving fluorescent lights off.

She said when she first met LaRue she was not sure what to think and was worried she might offend her.

"It's opened my eyes to a different world, I mean I've known people with other disabilities, but I guess I've never been that close to them," Schroeder said. "It's fun to ask her questions because it's interesting."

LaRue said she is very open to people asking her questions about the disorder and has even been asked if she has magical powers. She said she laughed.

"I'd rather tell someone the answer than have them whisper around and make up their own thing," said LaRue.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball gets third seed in the IIAC tournament

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's basketball team finished their regular season by winning six of their last seven games in IIAC play.

The Knights record earned the number three seed in the IIAC tournament, which begins Tuesday, Feb. 22.

On Saturday, Wartburg ended their regular season with a loss against Loras College by a final score of 73-61.

The Knights trailed the Duhawks by 11 with under eight minutes to play in the opening half. The team rallied to lead 34-31 at the half.

The game was tied again in the second half with under 10 minutes to go in the game. Loras closed the game on an 18-4 run to defeat the Knights.

Harrington led the Knights with 14 points while Emily Timmermans added nine points while grabbing four rebounds. Timmermans is currently eighth in the IIAC, grabbing nearly six rebounds per game.

Earlier in the week, the Knights defeated the University of Dubuque.

The Knights controlled the game from the opening tip-off, and trailed the Spartans only once

in the contest. Wartburg won the game 70-47.

Abi Weidemann led Wartburg with 14 points while going 8-8 from the free-throw line. The Knights will play the Spartans again in Waverly on Tuesday to open their IIAC tournament schedule.

"We should be ready to come back and play hard," Timmermans said. "It's hard to beat a team three

times."

With a win, the Knights will face Simpson on Thursday in the semi-finals. In their last meeting the Knights defeated Simpson in Waverly by a score of 83-74.

"We need to remember the energy and intensity that we had when we beat them," Timmermans said.

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Player of the game vs. Dubuque



Abi Weidemann
Second Year

Stats of the game

FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
3-6	8-8	14

Key stat

Abi scored eight of her 14 points in the second half of the game.

Rachel Leitz dribbles the ball down the court for the Knights. Leitz had 12 points for Wartburg against the University of Dubuque.

Knights tennis split home opener

DREW SHRADEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg Knights Tennis team split their matches this weekend at home against Loras and Cornell.

The Knights beat Loras 9-0 to start off the day, but dropped the match against Cornell 6-3.

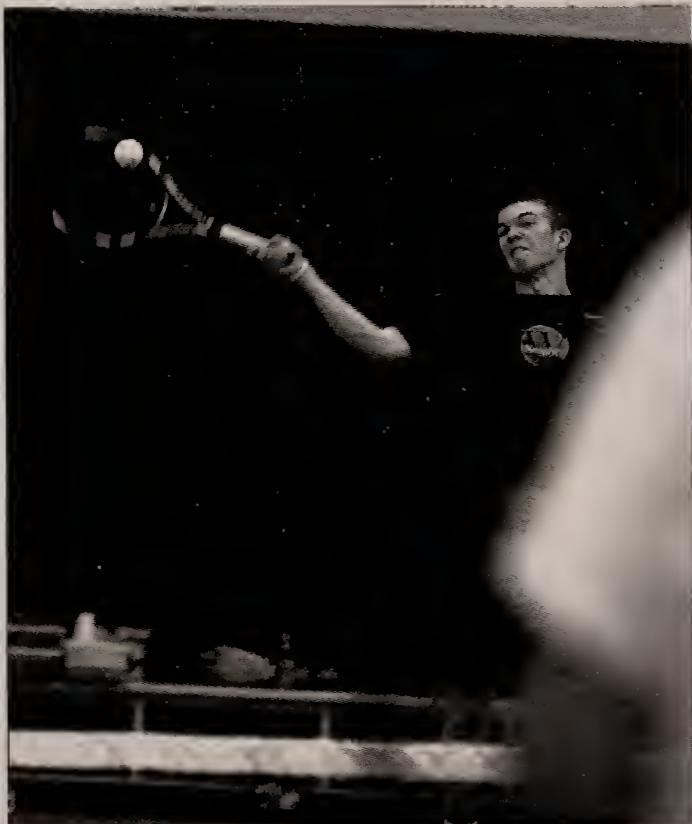
"We played really well against Loras, everyone won doubles so that makes it easier to win matches," Chris Buckingham said. "During Cornell, we only won one of the three doubles, and that made it hard to win."

The Knights won only one game during the match against Loras which went to three sets between Buckingham and Jared Levy. Buckingham won the game after dropping the first set.

The Knights faced the Cornell Rams next and Buckingham defeated Justin Bradfield in straight sets.

The Knights dropped four straight individual games though to the Ram's before Blayne Willadsen turned things around and won his match against Joseph Reyes 6-4, 6-1.

In doubles, the team of



Brian Rasmussen returns a shot during the Knights double header this week. Rasmussen went 1-1 in singles and doubles.

Buckingham and D.J. Grant defeated Bradfield and Orion Wilkinson to keep the Knights in the match.

The tennis team will travel to Orlando, Fla. for three matches over the winter break.

February, 28 against Ohio Northern, March, 1 against Capital (Ohio) and March, 2 against Hanover (Indiana).

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Singles	Loras	Cornell
Buckingham	W 2-1	W 2-0
Rasmussen	W 2-0	L 0-2
Stevens	W 2-0	L 0-2
Greco	W 2-0	L 0-2
Masterson	W 2-0	L 0-2
Willadsen	W 2-0	W 2-0

Doubles	Loras	Cornell
Buckingham/ W	8-4	W 9-8
Grant		L 1-8
Rasmussen/ W	8-4	L 3-8
Stevens		
Greco/ W	8-2	
Willadsen		

Wartburg closes season by winning four of last six

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and scored just 18 points in the final 20 minutes of play. Loras won the game by a final score of 75-51.

"We had a tough shooting second half and we turned the ball over a bit too much," Danielson said.

Earlier in the week, the Knights defeated the University of Dubuque on the road.

The two teams traded baskets in the first half, and no team led by more than four points at any point in the half. Austin Donnelly hit a long shot at the end of the half to

tie the score at 34.

Wartburg's defense remained strong throughout the remainder of the game, as the Spartans only managed to cut the Knights' lead to seven points. Wartburg won the game 76-66.

The Knights finish the year with a 10-14 overall record. The team went 5-11 in IIAC.

"The season was a bit of a roller coaster," Danielson said. "Toward the end of the season we were playing our best basketball, which is encouraging."

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Tuesday Women's basketball vs. Dubuque
 Friday Wrestling @ IIAC Tournament
 Saturday M/W Indoor Track @ IIAC Finals

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The Wartburg Knights wrestling team will travel to Indianola this weekend to contend for their 19th straight conference team championship.

The IIAC conference is not one the Knights are guaranteed as it holds three teams ranked in the top 25 and one team ranked at 26 in the nation.

The Knights have not lost a conference tournament since 1992.

"We won 18 [Conference titles] in a row and the reason why is because we concentrate on one match at a time," head coach Jim Miller said. "We are just getting each of our guys ready individually."

The Knights hold the number one spot in the nation at 19-1 overall, but No. 5 Coe at 15-5, No. 19 Cornell at 14-7-1 and No. 26 Dubuque at 9-6 all have respectable records and chances to defeat the Knights.

The Knights did defeat all three teams earlier in the year in duals, beating Cornell 41-0, Coe 32-6 and finally Dubuque 33-9.

Wartburg's wins against Coe and Dubuque came during the Conference duals which Wartburg won back on January 29th.

The Knights have two wrestlers, Byron Tate at 197

pounds and John Helgerson at 285 pounds, who are ranked No. 1 in the nation in their weight class.

Tate will be looking to repeat as IIAC champion at 197 pounds while Helgerson will attempt to avenge a loss last year.

They also have two other wrestlers, Mark Kist at 125 pounds and Carrington Banks at 157 pounds, ranked at No. 2 in the nation.

Kist sits behind Clayton Rush from Coe at 125 while Coe has three other wrestlers ranked in the top 10 of other weight classes.

Cornell and Dubuque also have a few representatives in the national rankings, as Dubuque's Josh Terrell sits at No. 2 at 165 pounds.

"We aren't looking ahead of ourselves, we're just trying to keep it simple," Miller said.

The Knights had the last week off to prepare for the match this weekend at Simpson, their last match was on January 12 against Wisconsin Eau-Claire, where the Knights placed three in the top three and one fifth from their reserves.

The Knights will travel to Indianola this Friday where the JV team will wrestle at 9 a.m. and the Varsity will start at 10:30 a.m.

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Men's hoops season over

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The Wartburg Knights track and field teams both won their last indoor meet of the season at the Wartburg Invite.

The women earned 302 points while the men came away with 224 team points.

"It's definitely a confidence booster going into conference, to get things going and get things moving," captain Skyler Ahrens said.

The No. 18 ranked men took home four individual titles at the meet defeating Monmouth College of Illinois.

The Knights took seven of the top eight spots in the 800 meter run, led by Parker Comentino's invite record of 1:56.90.

Comentino won the race by about two seconds over second and third place finishers Chris Keninger and Jared Cordes who

tied with a time of 1:58.30.

The numbers continued to stack up for the Knights as the men took six of the eight spots in the one mile run lead by Jon Stover's 4:30.10 run.

"Overall, you can see the passion in everybody, they wanted to compete and get a spot at conference," Ahrens said.

The No. 2 women took home eight individual event titles in their win over Monmouth College.

Faith Burt provisionally qualified for the national meet during her win in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.19.

Wartburg took six of the eight spots in the dash, including the top three spots.

Burt was not done though as she took the 200 meter dash as well with a time of 25.70, .05 seconds ahead of teammate

Skye Morrison.

In the field events, Britlyn Sieck took the shot put title with her provisional qualifying and field house record setting throw of 13.57 meters.

Both Knights teams will travel to Pella this weekend for the IIAC Indoor track and field

conference meet.

The multi-events and preliminaries will be on Friday starting at 4 p.m., and will be finished on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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Faith Burt competes in the 200 meter dash on Saturday. She won the event with a time of 25.70 seconds in one of her two individual titles.